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By Jim Fawcett, ISU Extension field agronomist

All commercial pesticide applicators must take exams in order to become initially certified and some choose to become re-certified by exam rather than by attending continuing instructional courses. With the increased interest in applying fungicides on corn and soybeans many commercial applicators are considering adding agricultural diseases (category 1C) to their certification.

A training session to help prepare individuals for the commercial pesticide applicator examinations will be offered in Marion on Monday, March 5 in the Linn County Extension Office at 3279 7th Ave. The session will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will be giving tests for both private and commercial pesticide applicators in Marion on March 5 in the Linn Cooperative Oil Company at 325 35th Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in Iowa City on March 6 at the Johnson County Extension Office, 3109 Old Highway 218 S., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The training session will cover the Iowa Core Manual and categories 1A (Agricultural Weed Management), 1B (Agricultural Insect Control), 1C (Agricultural Crop Disease Management), 3O,T, and G (Ornamental, Turf, and Greenhouse Pest Management), 4 (Seed Treatment) and 6 (Right-of-Way). Training on the Iowa Core Manual will be given for the first 2 hours, with the training on the other categories following.

There is a \$25 fee per person for the training session. The session does NOT qualify as a continuing instructional course. For more information, please contact Jim Fawcett at 319-337-2145, Patrick O'Malley at 319-337-2145, or Virgil Schmitt at 563-263-5701.

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